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The amendment filed 07-12-2001 proposes amendments to claims 1,5,9 and 10 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173, which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

The following defects in the amendment have been noted:

- a) In claim 1, lines 54-55, the term "opening" should not be split as found in the rewritten claim.
- b) The entire claim 5, as amended, must be written out in full.
- c) In claim 9, line 26, the term "end" was omitted.
- d) In claim 10, line 4, there should be no comma after the term "end".

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Applicant is notified that any subsequent amendment to the specification and/or claims must comply with 37 CFR 1.173 and CFR 1.121(b).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL D. PRICE whose telephone number is 703-308-1953. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on 703-308-1935. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9302 for regular communications and 703-872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 308-1148/0858.

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